

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Yoshio Usui et al. : Confirmation No.: 3179

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated as mailed on April 16, 2008, and having a three-month shortened statutory period of response extending through and including July 16, 2008, please make the below-identified amendments and consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.